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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor

Dear Newly Appointed SHRIC Members,

Let me start by thanking you for agreeing to serve on the state board that oversees Indiana's workforce development system. I am sure I don't have to tell you that this is a critical function, given the importance of developing a skilled workforce to Indiana's economic comeback.

Over the past few years, this board has rarely met and has failed to achieve its potential as a meaningful entity providing leadership on the direction of our workforce system. As a first step to changing this, we have identified you, leaders from across the state, to serve on the board and provide leadership and representation from your respective communities.

At this initial meeting, you will tackle important topics; most notably, adopting board by-laws and approving Indiana's two-year strategic plan for the Workforce Investment Act. Please know that I strongly and wholeheartedly endorse this plan, as I believe it will lay the foundation to various innovative reforms. Included among these are:

- Injecting much needed flexibility, competition and accountability into Indiana's public funded workforce system
- Shifting substantial resources, that have in the past been spent on administration, to train more Hoosiers
- Empowering regions to develop strategies and solutions that best meet their needs
- More closely aligning workforce development with economic development

I truly believe that Indiana will serve as a model to the rest of the nation in building a workforce development system that prepares our citizens for high-wage sustained employment in the 21st century economy.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our Hoosier workforce and economy. I look forward to working with you more directly at upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.
Governor